LAND CLAIMS IN ST. HELENA DISTRICT.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

A REPORT OF THE REGISTER AND RECEIVER

OF THE

District of St. Helena,

ON LAND CLAIMS IN THAT DISTRICT.

DECEMBER 29, 1825.
Referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

FEBRUARY 1, 1826.
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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

December 28, 1825.

Sir: I have the honor to transmit, herewith, a copy of the report of the Register and Receiver of the Land Office, of the District of St. Helena, prepared in obedience to an act of Congress of the 26th of May, 1824.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

RICHARD RUSH.

Hon. John W. Taylor,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

GENERAL LAND OFFICE,

January 27, 1826.

Sir: In reply to your letter of yesterday, I have to state, that all the information that is in the possession of this office, in relation to the claims included in the report of the Register and Receiver of the Land Office at St. Helena Court House, dated 19th January, 1825, is exhibited on the face of that report; and that the prior reports from the same District, that have been confirmed by Congress, are made in the same manner as the one now before the Committee on Public Lands.

With great respect,
Your most obedient servant,

GEO. GRAHAM.

The Hon. John Scott,

Committee on Public Lands, House of Representatives.

Doc. 70-Sig. 2.

Expisive A, of Claims to Land in the St. Helena District, founded on complete Spanish Patents, which, in the opinion of the undersigned Register and Receiver, are valid agreeably to the Laws, usages, and customs, of said Government.

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SAML. J. RANNELLS, Register. WM. KINCHIN, Receiver. French, British, or Spanish authorities, which, in the opinion of the Register and Receiver, ought to be confirmed—First Class.

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Register A contains complete Spanish Patents, which we recommend for confirmation, on the principle recognized in the acts of Con-

gress of the 3d March, 1819, and 8th May, 1822.

Register B, First Class, contains incomplete titles derived from the Spanish authority, accompanied with such proof of settlement and cultivation as induces us to recommend them for confirmation to the same extent, and under the same restraints that such claims have been confirmed by the former laws for adjusting similar claims in this District.

The Second Class on this Register comprehends claims that have been sold for taxes, and the only titles the present claimants have to these lands, are the Collector's bills of sale or transfer. Many of these claims we believe to be as fairly entitled to confirmation, as those on the First Class; but the doubt with us is, whether sales for taxes are valid until the claimant have a more valid title to the land.

There are, on this Register, (First Class) three claims, to wit: Henry Flower for eight hundred and eighty-six arpens; Luther L. Smith for one hundred arpens, and Robert Young for eight hundred and twenty arpens, all of which are in the same situation, being swamp land, and no part of it susceptible of either habitation or cultivation. This land was granted to the claimants or those under whom they claim, for the purpose of getting timber, and the claimants have proved that they have regularly used the said tracts of land for that purpose since the time of their respective grants from the Spanish Government; and we are of opinion that the use the claimants have made of these lands (it being the only use of which they are susceptible) although it amounts neither to habitation nor cultivation, may be fairly considered equal to either or both, and on this ground we recommend them for confirmation.

Register C contains British Patents on which the claimants have not proven either habitation or cultivation. These we beg to leave

to the consideration of Congress without any remarks.

Register D contains incomplete titles, which, in the opinion of the Commissioners, ought not to be confirmed, the claimants not having complied with the requisitions of the law, as regards either habitation or cultivation.

Register E contains settlement claims on which satisfactory proof has been adduced of cultivation or habitation as early as is represented on the Register opposite each claim. We, therefore, recommend them for confirmation.

SAML. J. RANNELLS, Register. WM. KINCHIN, Receiver.

LAND OFFICE, ST. HELENA COURT HOUSE, 19th January, 1825.

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